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In error, and without deceptive intent, Patentee subsequently paid the 4th year maintenance fee at the small entity rate, an itemization of which appears below, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.28(2)(ii).

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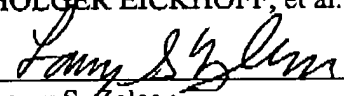
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